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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: VISIT OF NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF NEPAL, KRISHNA RAJ ARYAL, PAID A THREE-DAY GOODWILL VISIT TO BANGLADESH NOVEMBER 27 THROUGH 30TH. DURING THE VISIT, ARYAL PAID CALLS ON PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN AND ON OFFICIALS OF THE COMMERCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRIES. AT A PRESS BRIEFING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, ARYAL STATED THAT HIS TALKS HAD CONSOLIDATED THE ALREADY EXISTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THAT SHORTLY OFFICIAL-LEVEL TALKS WOULD BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT SEVERAL AGREEMENTS SIGNED LAST YEAR. IN SPECIFIC MATTERS, ARYAL INDICATED THAT NEPAL WOULD CONSIDER SUPPLYING MORE RICE ON A LONG-TERM BASIS TO BANGLADESH, THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED FOR UNION PARISHAD CHAIRMEN TO STUDY THE PANCHAYET SYSTEM IN NEPAL, AND THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPORTING SLEEPERS FOR THE BANGLADESH RAILWAY HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. IN RESPONSE TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION, ARYAL SAID HE "APPRECIATED" THE FARAKKA AGREEMENT, BUT HE REFUSED TO
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INDICATE WHETHER THE LARGER QUESTION OF REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES WAS DISCUSSED.

2. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FROM MFA SOURCES THAT TWO OTHER ISSUES WERE AGREED UPON: NEPAL WOULD RECEIVE ACCESS TO A LANDSAT SATELLITE STATION NEAR CHITTAGONG; AND THAT TRANSIT RIGHTS THROUGH BANGLADESH

HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR GOODS DESTINED FOR NEPAL.
NEPALESE AGENTS IN KHULNA AND CHITTAGONG WOULD BE
ALLOWED TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF TRANSIT
GOODS.
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